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TAGS: CASC (WILLIAMS, CHARLES C.)

SUBJ: W/W CHARLES C. WILLIAMS

REF: STATE 95000 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THE PARENTS CONCERN AND HAS CONTINUED TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO LOCATE SUBJECT WITHIN OUR CAPABILITIES. WE HAVE ENLISTED THE EFFORTS OF ALL PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES IN THE CUZCO-PUNO AREA. TO ASSIST THEM WE HAVE PROVIDED THEM WITH PHOTOS AND KNOWN ITINERARY OF MR. WILLIAMS. YOUNG U.S. TRAVELERS VISITING THIS EMBASSY HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED AND SHOWN PICTURES OF MR. WILLIAMS. TO DATE WE HAVE NOT MET WITH ANY SUCCESS AND WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE HOSPITALIZATION OR DEATH OF ANY UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS MEETING MR. WILLIAMS DESCRIPTION. A CONSULAR OFFICER WAS SENT TO THE AREA TO PERSONALLY FOLLOW UP, WITH THE PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES, ON THEIR EFFORTS AND PROGRESS, AND TO TALK TO THEM TO IMPRESS UPON THEM OUR INTEREST. (SEE LETTER MEL TANO & MEMCON GARY WILLIAMS ON THIS CASE).

EMBASSY REGRETS THE NEGATIVE RESPONSE SINCE WE ARE SINCERELY SYMPATHETIC TO THE ANXIETIES OF MR. WILLIAMS PARENTS. WE HAVE READ THE BOOK THE SECRET OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ANDES ON LOST VALLEY WHICH CONCLUDES THAT THE VALLEY IS ONLY A FANTASY. WE PRESUME, AND THE PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES AGREE THAT THE VALLEY DOES NOT EXIST. WE REGRETTABLY MUST ALSO ASSUME THAT IF MR. WILLIAMS, WHO CONSTANTLY CORRESPONDED WITH HIS PARENTS, CONTINUED HIS EFFORTS TO FIND THE VALLEY, HIS CHANCES OF SURVIVAL, AFTER SO MUCH TIME HAS ELAPSED, IN THE

DISIGNATE AREAS ARE VERY VERY DUBIOUS AND ONE MUST
ASSUME THAT HE MET WITH DISASTER.

2. WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ANOTHER RECENT
DISAPPEARANCE, THAT OF AUSTRALIAN WENDY MILLAR, HER
FAMILY HAS CONCLUDED, ACCORDING TO THE LIMA TIMES,
THAT IT IS LIKELY THAT SHE SLIPPED FROM A MOUNTAIN
TRAIL AND FELL TO HER DEATH. NO MENTION OF CHARLES
HAS BEEN DEVELOPED.

3. MADRE DE DIOS IS SPARELY POPULATED AND, ACCORDING
TO ONE PIP OFFICER WHO IS FROM GNERAL AREA MUCH OF IT IS
UNEXPLORED AND CONSIDERED TO BE UNINHABITED.

RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR INTENSIVE SEARCH OF AREA
HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE.
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